25.	Patna	8	26.	Agra	4
27.	Madurai	7	28.	Indore	10
29.	Visakhapatnam	6	30.	Khajuraho	4

Cultural tourism

2610. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cultural tourism proposed to be taken up by the I.T.D.C.; and

(b) how co-ordnation will be made with the State Governments and the Private Sector to sponsor the cultural events?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) Cultural programmes are organized by ITDC in collaboration with the State Govts./Agencies. During the remaining months of the year 1996-97, ITDC proposes to organise a Gujrat Festival in Ashok Hotel, New Delhi during January 1997.

(b) Generally, ITDC approaches the State Governments to hold such programmes in its hotel units. The State Governments arrange to bring artisans, craftsmen, folk artists, chefs etc. through State the Tourism Corporations/Agencies.

Seats of India in Boards of IMF and World Bank

2611. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is on the verge of losing its seats in the Board of International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank thereby depriving its right on the decision making Board of the Fund as well as the Bank as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 27th November, 1996.

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor:

(c) whether it is a fact that despite its recent pick-up in economic growth India still remain behind in comparison, to other newly industrializing countries as our per capita income is less; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what remedial measures have been taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. As per the Wrold Development Report 1996, our per capita income is less than other newly industrializing countires. Various reform measures undertaken by Government since 1991 have put India on a higher growth trajectory. The GDP at factor cost increased by 6.6% duirng 1995-96 as against 0.8% during 1991-92.

Complaints regarding irregularities in RRBs in Gujarat

2612. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a number of complaints in regard to irregularities in the Regional Rural Banks functioning in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during last three years; and

(c) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Some complaints in regard to irregularities in the Regional Rural Banks